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Application No.: FILED CONCURRENTLY  
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Title: DISTRIBUTED PRECONFIGURATION OF SPARE CAPACITY IN  
CLOSED PATHS FOR NETWORK RESTORATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 2, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the divisional application submitted herewith as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting the following new section on page 1, line 11, before

"Field of the Invention":

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 08/893,491, filed July 11, 1997, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 § U.S.C. § 120.

In the Claims:

Prior to computation of the filing fee and examination of this divisional patent application, please cancel Claims 1-20 and 46-52.

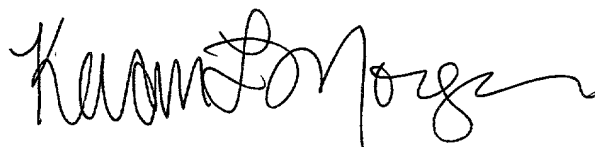
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REMARKS

The application as filed is a copy of prior Application No. 08/893,491 filed July 11, 1997. As indicated above, Claims 1-20 and 46-52 have been cancelled. Applicant thus presents Claims 21-45 for examination in this divisional application.

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In the Specification:

A new section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION has been added on page 1, line 11.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-20 and 46-52 have been cancelled.

Accepted for filing

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